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Toike Censored

Two Views:

Editorial note: The Cannon received these two articles independently. The Toike editor was not involved in the creation of either article or of The Cannon.

JULIAN WRIGHT IND 9T7
ENGINEERING COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Among the many committees and clubs that exist in the Engineering Society, there is one that is relatively unknown. The Toike Review Committee was formed in 1988 after the Dean of the Faculty shut the Toike Oike down for 6 months. The whole incident started when the "BFC Steals the Toike" October issue made national headlines on television and in such papers as the Globe and Mail. The Toike Oike was seen as a 'typical' example of the views, morals, and attitudes of engineering students for which many non-engineering students have expressed their personal disapproval, disgust and offense. Over the years, many committees on campus have tried to shut the paper down claiming that the Toike was sexist, racist and homophobic. Lawsuits against the Engineering Society were made, but it was not until the paper caught the attention of the national media that the Dean ordered to shut the paper down.

A commission was put together to investigate the matter and a report was produced with ideas and recommendations. One of the ideas put forward was to implement a review committee made up of approximately 7 - 9 engineering students (excluding the editor) to review the Toike for its content before it is published. The idea is to make changes to material that crosses the line between funny and offensive. At the beginning of the school year, the Communications Chair is responsible for appointing students to make a committee that reflects our diverse community and represents as many different views as possible. In the past, the committee consisted entirely of engineering students; however, it has been decided that 2 of the 9 positions will now be filled by two non-engineering U of T students. Presently we are interviewing Nursing and Rehab Medicine students to find two "appropriate" students. After the Toike has been reviewed, a list of changes and suggestions are left in the Editors' mailbox. However, it is still the editor's decision whether or not to make the changes.

Next time you are reading the Toike and you notice the word "censored" written above word(s), paragraph(s) or picture(s), remember that it was the Toike Review Committee who suggested the change(s). If you feel that this is unfair and not right, I would suggest talking to Dean Charles as it was the Faculty who initiated this committee.

NEIL HELLAS, ENG SCI 9T6

While flipping through the latest issue of the Toike Oike, I was struck by many small, black patches proclaiming "Censored 26/09/95". At first, I assumed that it was a joke - simply a part of the Toike's life long mandate to snub establishment by the crudest of methods. But I slowly came to realise that it wasn't all Toike "humour" - there were, underneath those dark rectangles, real attempts to be funny.

"What the hell is this?!" I exclaimed out loud. For the past three years, the neanderthal in me has craved regular issues of the base humour found in the Toike. Now, with no warning, that was being taken away. I wondered what could be so offensive that I needed to be sheltered from it. If I could not read those mysterious words without falling into a bottomless pit of debauchery, then I would hate to see how unethical the poor Toike writers had become. Who could have implemented such a terrible system of moral judgements? I needed to find out why the thoughts and expressions of the Toike staff were being suppressed.

It seems that the Engineering Society is now parent to a new administrative body, known as the Toike Review Committee. Made up of various EngSoc and non-EngSoc types (including, amazingly enough, non-engineering students), their job is to go through each edition of the Toike before it is print and remove (by way of duress or other means) any potentially offensive comments or statements. Apparently, disclaimers are not enough. "The Toike Oike is a humour newspaper designed to entertain and insult its readers...The opinions expressed within are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the U of T Engineering Society..." - seems pretty straigbtforward. However, as soon as an EngSoc committee forms to review (read: censor) this paper, it *does* reflect their opinion. In this case, it is their opinion that an adult (yes, that's right, you're an adult now...) is allowed to read some things, and should not read others.

I find it simply ahhorrent that a university newspaper should be subject to censorship (the reader who knows the author will recognise that his views are not only limited to campus printed media). There does not exist a time or place where censorship in any form has better served the society it was meant to save. Virtually every communist nation that has existed, Nazi Germany, present day China - these bureaucracies have all attempted to "save" their citizens by keeping them away from the so-called bad influences in life. Instead, fear and contempt are bred, making the society its own bad influence. To suggest that what is happening with the Toike is comparable to a closed-minded nation is ridiculous. However, the results of such actions will be similar. Readers of the Toike will become fed up with missing Joikes because they have been removed, and writers will lose all creativity to the futility of the process. Future issues will likely return to the tired format of stolen internet jokes (alt.engineer.jokes.unfunny), something which would be a travesty considering the last issue was the first original Toike I've seen in a long time.

I do not claim that the Toike Oike should be required reading for the cultured of our society. Yet it is irrelevant that the Toike has minimal literary value; in fact, it almost negates the need for a censoring board. The paper is taken to be a joke. By censoring it, this committee is only lending it credibility, giving people the impression that the Toike should be taken seriously. This censorship forces the moral opinions of a few onto the many who read this paper. On the other hand, the "opinions" of the Toike writers are meant in humour, without any sincerity. A continuation of this censoring process will degrade any authenticity the Toike may have had, will aid in alienating EngSoc from the student body, and will further offend me as an intelligent, moral being.

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DON VOYAGE.

Separatists? Censored 26/09/95

Citizens of Quebec to be sold to Middle East Slave Merchants

Section from the September 29th, 1995 Toike Oike

OPINION

Relations and (Dys)functions

MARTIN LITTLE , CIV 9T7 +

As emotions go, love is by far the most discussed and dissected, but still the least understood. Love may begin with the glimpse of a face, the coltish turn of a leg, but it advances or degenerates from there.

In the initial stages of a relationship we build our expectations onto another. We construct for ourselves an image of who we hope they will be; creating a fantasy, subliminally directed by sensorial cues. In a deepening and equal love, these "cues" are developed through conversation and shared experiences. Like an iceberg, the farther below the surface we explore the greater the substance.

In an unhealthy relationship, the level of commitment is not balanced, or the expectations or degree of emotional maturity are not equal. Both parties react unconsciously to substantiate inadequate or one-sided sensorial cues. The signals are incomplete, and in this chaos we manifest our insecurities in diverse and experientially dependent emotions. An individual with higher commitment and expectations may find that a partner's inattention evokes jealousy or anger while, in other individuals, the same stimuli may manifest as self-doubt or passive self-depreciation. Constant angst, confusion, or boredom are signs of unequal commitment and an indication to move on.

In a healthy and growing relationship, love is fulfilment; it is romantic, spontaneous, intoxicating and eternal. We *become*, in-so-much as we realize our best self. A true love binds. As the German poet Goethe wrote, it is "like two souls...living deep in my body". Real and equal love is discovering a compliment to yourself that is unifying, inspirational and magnetic. It is also enviable.

The investments we place in love are a predicate to its pain. We can't wish for everything and commit to little. Love is ethereal and, like a flame, it must be tended and fueled. Love is about excitement; it is facing about facing yourself and your fears, advancement and retreat; the pain of trying and losing, and, ultimately, the joy of a real and lasting connection with another human being.

If you agree to risk love, you accept both the benefits and the pain. The benefits are so great, and the pain so real, that one soon realizes that love is truly why we live.

Martin Little is a romantic who would love to be back at skule. As it is, he is working, trying to write a regular column, and planning to join you in the spring.

Kilts Off to Engineering

KAREN CHENG, IND 9T7

September the 6th, 1995, started out as a rather uneventful day. I woke up, ate breakfast and contemplated the speedy departure of summer. Time passed as I wondered and, finally, resigned to the horror that another season and another academic year was upon me, I decided to make the long commute to campus and register for school, albeit grudgingly.

So there I was, strolling through the alley between the Mechanical and Mining buildings on my way to Sandford Fleming, drinking in the familiarity when, suddenly, I saw it: The large deep purple paint stain on the road. Unmistakable. It was a dead give-away that precocious frosh were being tormented nearby at Convocation Hall by upperclassmen with warped senses of humour. I tentatively looked up, half expecting to be doused with ice water — again — by someone wearing a highly ornamented hardhat but, mercifully, I was spared.

In that moment of recollection, I revelled in the astonishing truth that I had somehow, in some bizarre, divine-intervention kind of way, survived through more than two years of engineering, relatively unscathed by pressure and problem sets. Now ,you may be laughing as I invoke the words, "divine intervention" but, given my high school roots, faith in a higher power could have only facilitated my adjustment to the primarily male environment — an extremely foreign predicament to me indeed, being a product of a Catholic all-girls school (scary but true).

You know the stereotypical student: the proper white blouse, the colourful plaid kilt (freezing in winter, itchy in rain, stifling in summer), and of course, those ridiculous wool knee socks. But did you also know that our principal was a nun? That we were associated with "brother" schools? That there was a full-size church AND convent attached to the school (convenient in case I hadn't decided to become an engineer)? That we didn't bother with changerooms and stripped into and out of our gym uniforms right in the hallway beside our lockers, all the while hoping the janitor didn't have bad timing? But without being facetious now, I believe the all-female environment does provide many girls with their first opportunity to excel without self-consciousness, and to find their voice in expressing opinions and, in this manner, the school finds redemption for its other eccentricities.

Nevertheless, having been in such a sheltered environment for five years, my peers and I naturally felt somewhat intimidated in our first year of engineering. Two years ago, we had heard the old horror stories about the notoriously chauvinistic field and were prepared for the worst. Fortunately, the transition has been smooth and, predictably, the question that everybody still asks is, "Wasn't it weird without any guys around for five years?" My answer is yes, but you become accustomed to it after time. It's an easier adjustment than, say, walking into your first engineering class and beholding the sea of testosterone. In that situation, any girl, whether she is from a public or private school, will have only one thing in mind — spring for the seat next to the other girls in the class! To all the female frosh this year, good luck! Soon this will all be second nature to you. To my misguided arts and science friends (I admit I have them): You all think I've died and gone to male heaven....but let me say it is a relief to be a part of the real (co-ed) world again. And to my engineering friends: Thanks for everything, but wild horses couldn't make me wear that hideous kilt again.

ENG. SOC.

ATTENTION!

ALL ENGINEERING STUDENTS AT U OF T

All students enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering should make a serious commitment to attend all

Engineering Society Full Council Meetings

Q: What is a Full Council Meeting?
A A Full Council Meeting is when all students from the Faculty of Engineering at U of T meet to discuss relevant issues and make decisions to resolve them. Officers, executives and appointed positions also communicate with and inform everyone of their progress and accomplishments. Only elected positions are allowed to vote, however, EVERYONE IS ALLOWED TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS IN TURN

Q: Why should I go or care?
A Every student in Engineering at U of T is a member of the Engineering Society and pays a $35.00 fee annually. As well, the Engineering Society administrates the $100 temporary student special levy which purchases most of our laboratory equipment. The officers, executives and appointed positions are here to represent you and to serve your interests

Q: How often are Full Council Meetings and how long are they?
A Once a month for approximately 1.5 hours

Q: Is there food?
A You bet!!!

Q: When and where is the next Full Council Meeting?

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, MC 102
6 - 8 PM

REMEMBER Every student in engineering has the right to attend these meetings!
QUESTIONS? Ask Julie in Eng Soc.

Engineering Society Events

October 13	Oktoberfest. Party in Waterloo.
October 14	Homecoming. Come on out and join in the festivities!
	U of T Day. ***(Call Heidi at 978-7491 if you can volunteer to greet, do registration, food service, tour guiding or bus chaperone/loading.)***
October 10	Skule™ Nite try-outs
October 31	Deadline for The Cannon
November	Industrial Club Dinner
November 4	NΨ Club Dinner Dance spectacular
November 11	MMS Club Dinner
	MECH Dinner/Dance
	ECE Dinner Dance sensation
November 13-17	High School Visits (Double check with Tony Ruberto)
November 24	Chem Club Dinner

CANNON MAKE-UP MEETING
Wed. Oct.18, 1995
at 5:00 p.m.
In Engineering Communications

Don't forget that for submitting articles, we have

a new deadline:
Hallowe'en
(OCT. 31, 1995)

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Exiting, Stage Left

ADRIENNE CHEE HING, MECH 9T6, ASSISTANT EDITOR

Hello, Everyone! I would like to welcome you (back) to Skule™ and I hope everything has been going well so far! :) While the year seems to have barely begun, one month has already passed and we will soon be heading into midterms! I wish you all "Good Luck" and hope that you have some extra-curricular activities to help moderate stress levels!!

If you would like to help with U of T Day this Saturday, please contact your departmental counsellors. Or, if you wish to help the Blue and Gold Committee in building the Homecoming Float, there will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at 4 p.m. There are a lot of other committees and clubs open for you to join — for more information, contact your class reps, Eng Soc, Hart House, the Athletic Centre, the Colleges, etc.

Getting involved is a great way to maintain your sanity, as well as meet new people. You can also get to know your classmates better by attending your departmental Dinner/Dance, to be held in the near future. Again, information may be obtained from your class reps, who should also be telling you about other events on campus.

The University is a great learning institution but knowledge is not limited to just the lecture hall. Some of you may recognise my name as one of last year's co-editors for *the Cannon*. I found it a great experience as it allowed me an "escape" from course-related problems and to work in a slightly different mode. And while the pressure of deadlines took on a more urgent tone, I felt a sense of accomplishment when each edition was finalised, printed and distributed. I hope you enjoyed reading this newspaper last year and I would like to thank everyone who helped in its production — especially the writers, the layout team, and Julie :)

On behalf of this year's editor, I invite you to write for the Cannon. It is your voice; a medium for articles, opinions, poetry, prose, questions, thoughts, comments, highlights — anything that is important to you. Drawings, photographs, and other artwork are also encouraged!

Before leaving, there are a few things I'd like to say. To Kyoko: I hope you have as much fun producing the Cannon as I did last year — you have a lot of good ideas to make it more appealing :) And to you, the readers: University has a lot to offer but it is up to you to decide what you'd like to gain from it. I wish you the Best of Luck now and with future endeavours.

Well...the sun has set on my reign as editor. Kyoko — the floor is yours! *(Exeunt.)*

Politics Suck -- Ed.

KYOKO YAP, N♆ 9T6 + F!, EDITOR

Due to some policy that I am unaware of, last year's editor was not allowed to be editor again this year. As I understand it, the job became available during the spring of this year, yet no one seemed interested. I was surprised but pleased to be offered the (un)coveted position at the end of March. I was also worried that I wouldn't be able to pull off the excellent work Adrienne (and her small staff) had produced. Still, I bit my lip and went on, determined to make the best of this opportunity.

After staying away from EngSoc (the room and the people inhabiting it) for two years, I was afraid of going in and trying to join the ranks. The student council at my high school gave off the aura of a clique and I assumed it was the same here. I walked into EngSoc for the same reasons that almost everyone else did — to buy cheap pop and use the free phone. Fortunately, the people I have met and have worked with are friendly and accomodating to my ideas.

It was soon apparent to me that EngSoc was not free of their own politics. Personal conflicts affect the relations within Skule™ and are often strained. Even as an impartial newcomer to this part of Engineering, I couldn't avoid somehow getting involved.

But this is the reality of any organization. Friends who participated in the PEY program were disappointed to learn that the joy of working in their company was often shadowed by the office politics and gossip that destroy personal and business relationships. A harmonious workplace is impossible; a fallout between colleagues is inevitable.

While the implications of issues raised within EngSoc are not nearly as serious as some others on campus (such as "official" newspapers splitting into rivals), it makes one (myself) approach one's (my) position with caution. *Do the right thing. Stay out of everyone else's business. CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?* The difficult part of the job is deciding when, as the editor, to agree to someone else's terms. To satisfy that someone else, or satisfy yourself as the editor? Is the Cannon actually a medium through which Kyoko can express her opinions? When, as the editor, you are happy with your decisions, the easy part of the job is enjoying the excellent work that has been produced. It is the only way I can overlook the political.

What did I do wrong?

ILAN KELMAN, N♆ ENV 9T6, ASSISTANT EDITOR

Two years ago I wrote a lengthy article for "The Toike Oike" which described an engineering science student who was one of the university's best football players. All the comments which I received were positive.

Last year for "The Cannon" I wrote two articles which profiled three Skule™ members who also led double lives as athletes. Two of them were (are) Olympic level while the third was merely one of the best in the sport in the country. Subsequently, I have heard a heckuva lot of criticism (in addition to a few compliments). In fact, I was even warned not to write any more such articles. And brilliant deducer that I am, I suspect that much more has been going on out of my hearing range.

No one, though, has yet explained why those articles were a problem, despite several requests. I therefore invite anyone who disliked those articles to submit to "The Cannon" an opinion piece or letter to the editor describing how I may have erred. In the meantime, I am using this editorial to explain why I wrote the articles and why I would like to write more. Someone with wit might even refer to this as Cannon Fodder. Anyway...

We all study engineering. In fact, many of us do nothing but study engineering. And a few of us even fail while doing nothing but studying engineering. For me, it is very refreshing to be involved in non-engineering activities and to see other engineers be involved in non-engineering activities. It is even more amazing to know people who use extra-curricular activities as a second career path, while maintaining reasonably high academic standards.

Having two parallel career paths—and succeeding at both—is admirable and I think it is vitally important that others see it can be done. We should be celebrating others' successes and use them as examples of diversity and potential, rather than trying to ignore them or hush them up. By profiling those who are unique, we will enhance the sense of community within engineering and show non-engineers that we can do slightly more than calculus.

With more profiles about ourselves, we will see that we have professional musicians in our midst, athletes with shelves of medals, and maybe even a young political leader or someone who has sacrificed and taken risks to assist others. We will learn more about ourselves, have more pride in Skule™ spirit, and be inspired to strive for success in more than engineering.

Or, at least, I was.

ORIENTATION 9T9

ALBERT LEE, COMP 9T9

"We are, We are, We are, We are the Engineers,
We can, We can, We can, We can demolish forty beers,
Drink rum, Drink rum, Drink rum, Drink rum, and come along with us,
For we don't give a damn for any damn man who don't give a damn for us!"

Marching down Yonge Street, trespassing through Ryerson, storming into the Eaton Centre, and eventually coming to rest at Nathan Phillips Square, the parade of more than 700 F!rosh displayed incredible amounts of Skule™ spirit that managed to turn heads, stop traffic, and possibly anger many special groups in the process. Yep, Orientation Week was a success. But while I could go on and on about how great F!rosh Nite, the Scavenger Hunt, or the Charity Events were, I just have room to tell you about Day 1.

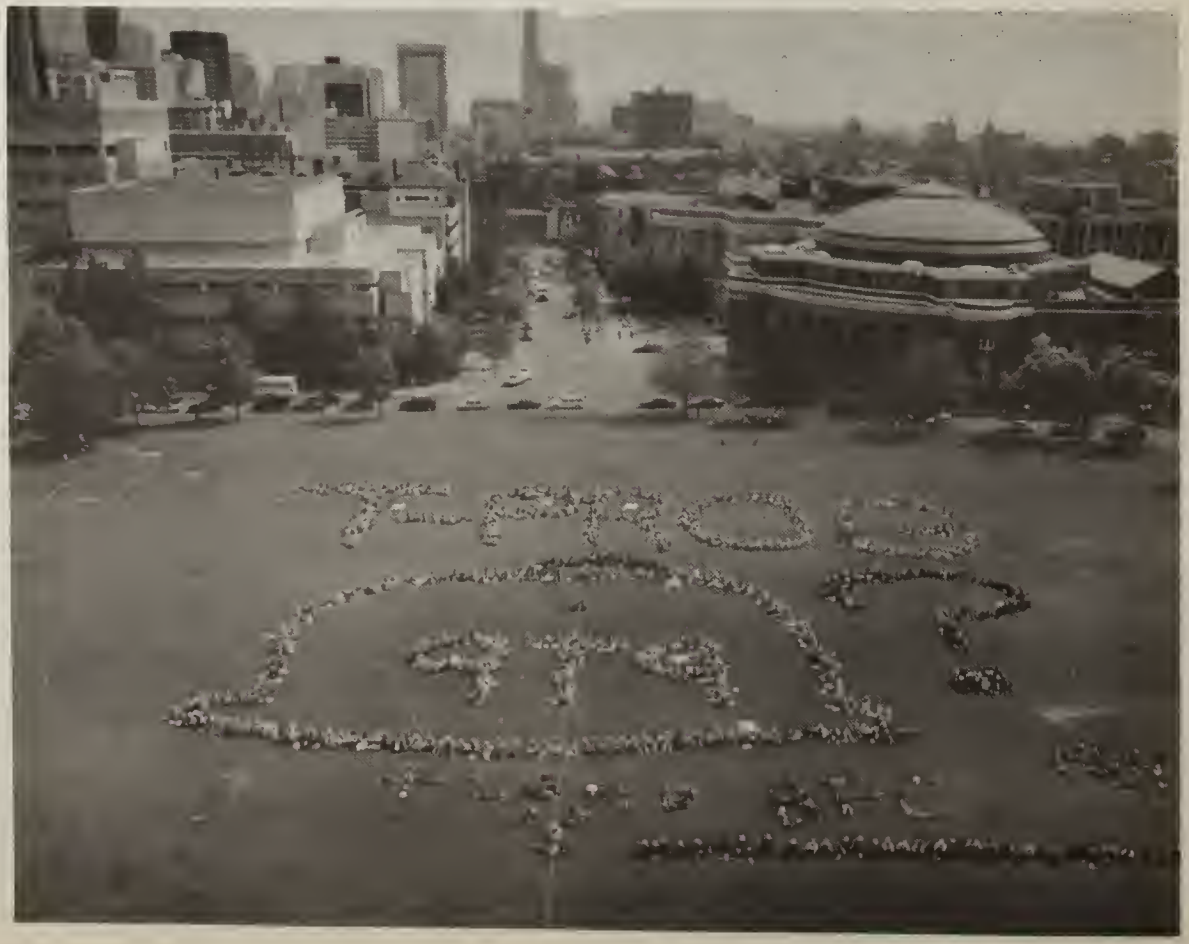
Getting good marks in high school and getting accepted into Engineering at U of T was only the first step towards becoming an Engineer. Orientation week was the next. We were greeted outside Convocation Hall by a host of enthusiastic, purple-armed, funky hard-hat wearing F!rosh leaders. Separated into our respective F!rosh groups, we sung Skule™ songs, did countless push-ups, and most importantly, insulted the other F!rosh groups, especially the Eng Scis and later in the day, the artsies.

We eventually moved into the Hall where we purchased our F!rosh kits, put on our bright yellow tees, and donned our mighty hard-hats (no Engineer is complete without one). Don't forget to hang those socks from your ears!

When we were seated, we were addressed by the Dean, a few engineering profs, the Eng. Soc. Prez, a few other Eng. Soc. reps and let's not forget the LGMB (you know, the bnad). I can't say it was particularly interesting, but have you ever heard seven hundred people tell the Dean to "Jump up and down"?

The day continued with a short tour of the campus, a free lunch, and the Arm Dyeing Ceremony. The ritual involved reciting the Engineering Oath and then if you wanted, dyeing part of your body purple. In the past, when engineers were drafters, the purple ink they used often stained their clothing. This led to the association between the colour purple (not the movie) and engineers. Not only were arms dyed though; some people dyed their legs, their bodies, and even their hair.

The day ended with a loud roar. With all F!rosh purpled up and ready to go, we marched downtown onto the unsuspecting world. Singing Skule™ songs, waving banners, and wreaking general havoc, they didn't know what hit them. And it was fun. Ever insult the students at Rye High? We did. Ever stop traffic in the middle of rush hour? We did. Ever have one big water fight at Nathan Phillips Square? We did. That was one day to remember.



Cannon Poll: 100% Enjoyed This Year's Orientation!

The question from September 1995 was:
Did you enjoy this year's orientation?

3 written votes and 2 verbal votes were submitted with the following results:

YES: 5 (100.0%)
NO: 0 (0.0%)
SPOILED: 0 (0.0%)

From an administrative staff/alumni guy (voted YES):
- Orientation encourages F!rosh to partake in future activities.
- [Arm dying] does not degrade or humiliate the F!rosh in any way and it is a good way of building character and unity of the F!rosh class.
- Not enough F!rosh were in the Nathan Phillips Square fountain.
- The coveralls should be a lighter shade of blue...the screened lettering was new and looked O.K.
- [The F!rosh Kit] is largely a waste of paper (enough with those crappy calendars already...) but the laundry bag is a bonus (this year's is a smaller size than last year's though...leave it up to SAC to shrink their bags (Oh my!!)
- [The Skule™ patrol] is useful, and I sure as hell didn't see them due to their stealthy moves (Mario...take note!!)

MEK 9T8 (voted YES):
- I've "joined" the bnad!
- I loved the dye!
- I missed the walkaround! (SORRY!)
- The coveralls were a delightful shade of blue!
- The F!rosh kits were both helpful AND wasteful!
- My regular business day wasn't disrupted!
- It was THE BEST way to meet people!
- It was THE BEST way to introduce people to Skule™!
- The Skule™ Patrol was useful!
- I'm going to participate again!

ENG SCI 9T6 (no vote):
- Prof. Sinclair's speech before the arm dying was great!!! It was concise, intelligent, informative, enthusiastic, and seemed to encourage F!rosh to get dyed. Hair, faces, chests, and various limbs and digits were purpled, along with arms. The best we've seen in a while!!! And he had a nice hard hat.

R.H. Thompson, eminent Canadian actor (voted an implied YES):
- Keep it up!!!

Unknown F!rosh (voted YES):
- YES

Editors' notes:
When commenting on the question, you do not have to restrict yourself to the questions we write in the order in which we write them. Feel free to comment or express your feelings.

F!rosh Group 'G' Finds The Spot

SYLVIA SQUAIR, ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY COORDINATOR

Yes, it's true: Frosh Group G successfully initiated itself into the ranks of Skule™ on their recent Roadtrip. Overcoming their initial shyness and hesitation, this lusty band of spirited 9T9s soon found their rhythm and warmed to the task at hand, despite the bureaucratic bungling that initially left them without proper protection in a sometimes messy and hazardous Quest. Not to be discouraged, they plunged into their work, and some could be heard shouting and singing with the exaltation of the moment. ("Roll who over ?!?!")

Exhausted but elated, the triumphant group returned home to Skule™ to enjoy a whopping-good Frosh Nite, and to relive their one afternoon together for years to come. Many thanks to Rachna, Dan and all the Leaders for showing G the way. You are, without question, the best gang I've ever had.

Good News Corner

The Engineering Science 9T5 Prank Cannon has finally been returned by force or forces unknown. Thanks for keeping it intact!

Men's Engineering Rugby

NEIL CARRINGTON, EAA PRESIDENT

A new year has brought new faces to the Engineering Men's Rugby team. While this year's team is considerably smaller in size than last year's, they definitely do not lack spirit, drive or determination.

After only one practice, Engineering started their season with a very close loss to Scarborough, 14 - 12. After that game and several practices, Engineering took to the field against Trinity. Solid play from every player yielded a 24 - 0 win. Throughout the game, it was evident that the team was becoming a cohesive unit. Celebration was properly complete when the LGMB came out to the field and gave their rendition of "Rubber Ducky".

The most recent game held on Thursday would prove to be the toughest opponent yet, Law. Through Hurricane Opal, the engineers took the game to Law and came out on top. Even with several severe injuries, the SkuleTM Boys marched through the mud to a 6 - 5 victory. Next game for the team will be on Friday at 4:00 p.m. before Oktoberfest.

Soccer Scores From Myron: 3-0 Trinity, 0-1 St. Mike's, 7-1 Vic. Therefore, the Engineers are 2-1.

Career Trends

The Engineering Liaison Office was created in 1985 to market the benefits of hiring University of Toronto engineers and to promote the services of the Career Centre to engineering employers.

Terry Johnston, Engineering Liaison Coordinator, Phone: (416) 978-8022, E-mail: career@ecf.utoronto.ca Chris Mak, Employment Committee Chair, Phone: (416) 978-2917

Do you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or employers you would like to suggest as possible contacts? Contact us and we will try to answer your questions in future issues.

MUSIC

(The Jazz Scene & The Bnad)

C. COLOHAN COMP 9T6++

Jazz has always been a passion of mine, and I have discovered many places around town where a student on a budget can enjoy some good music at a low price. Let me point out some of the cheaper venues (i.e. free) around town, just to get you started if you don't know where to go to get some good improv in Toronto.

The nicest free venue in Toronto is on the U of T campus. Jazz at Oscar's, run every Friday in the Arbor Room at Hart House, features some of Canada's best players with no cover. They start early and end early (shows run from 8:30-11:00), so you don't have to stay out late. Some of the more well known players that are featured this fall are: Bernie Senensky (pianist from Ottawa), Lorne Lofsky (guitarist that plays in the Oscar Peterson quintet), Richard Underhill (alto sax from Shuffle Demons), and many others.

[blatant plug ahead...] Also, on November 24, you will find the Engineering Skule™ Stage Band and Combo playing at Oscars. Well worth your time if you want to listen to the music that some of your Skule™-mates have been practicing all term. If you can't make it that evening, they will also be featured on Saturday October 14th, playing during the lunch hour at the U of T day festivities. Since I am talking about the stage band, I may as well mention that they will also be playing at the Cannonball, and putting on another performance at Oscars in the spring.

There are other places to get good jazz at U of T. U of T has a jazz program, training the jazz stars of the future. A concert featuring either students or faculty members is put on every Wednesday night at eight in Walter Hall (by the planetarium).

What if you want to get away from U of T? Most of the jazz clubs around charge at least a minimal cover charge, but there are many worthwhile performances to be seen. The Rex Hotel at Queen and McCaul has some pretty good players — and if you get there early you can often get by without paying a cover charge. Every Wednesday night there is a tremendous bluesy jazz jam anchored by John T. Davis on the Hammond B3 organ and many other players that seem to change weekly. They also have cheap food ($4 for a half pound burger and lots of fries) available from the kitchen.

What if you have money to burn? The Montreal Bistro often has good players. Judy Jazz at the Holiday Inn on King St. features some great players (including Moe Koffman every Friday). Top of the Senator has only the best. And there are many ticketed concerts in Toronto's various concert halls.

What other free venues are there? Not many. The jazz festivals in the summer have tons of free top-quality concerts, but that won't be until June. The moral is that it is possible to see some great jazz (including the Skule™ Stage Band) every week in Toronto, so you have no excuse for missing out!

C. COLOHAN COMP 9T6++

You have just spent the worst week of your life, with four problem sets due, three midterms, and a ten page paper due for your "easy" humanities elective. You are about to explode from the pressure. How do you let off your steam?

How about pounding on a bedpan with a nine inch nail for a couple of hours? Wailing on a clarinet? Or shouting Skule™ cheers at the top of your lungs?

You can do all this and more with the LGMB. These renegade musical terrorists will give you the chance to explore new musical territory, playing music as it has never been played before. We attend all of the Varsity Blues football home games, as well as many other Varsity sports events. We entertain at charity events throughout Toronto. We crash weddings (whether they want us to or not). Most importantly, we play at all major engineering parties and events.

What else do you get? Free BEvERages (and sometimes food!) is the norm at bnad events. We provide the instruments. Just bring your hard hat out, show up on time, and come along! Musical training (or anti-training) will be provided as needed.

Bnad events will be posted on the bnad room door in the engineering society at least a couple of days before the event. Some upcoming events: U of T Day (welcome the pre-frosh to U of T), Oct. 14.

Join us in the excitement of real-life engineering:

O. E. C.
Ontario Engineering Competition

Queen's University, February 16-18, 1996

- Entrepreneurial Design
- Corporate Design
- Editorial Communications
- Explanatory Communications
- Parliamentary Debate

$ 22,500 in prizes

Deadline: January 6th, 1996

OEC - CIO

Details available in the Engineering Society Look for updates in the next Cannon

Job Information

Job Searching The Internet

When using the Internet as a job search resource you should keep in mind:

1. Internet job searching should supplement, not replace, other job search strategies.
2. The Internet is unregulated and can be unreliable. The information you put there is not necessarily secure. Any number of people might have access to whatever personal material you choose to put out over the net.
3. The Internet changes on a daily basis. Today's job search resource may not necessarily be there tomorrow.
4. Most of the job postings on the Internet are American and require many years of experience. They also tend to be limited to computer and technical areas.
5. All of the usual job search components apply when using the Internet. You must still assess your skills, research work opportunities and develop a marketing plan.

World Wide Web Addresses to Surf

NetJobs: http://www.netjobs.com/
JobNet: http://sun.cc.westga.edu:80/~coop/
JobLink: http://joblink.com/joblink.html
Career Mosaic:
http://www.careermosaic.com/
The Monster Board: http://www.monster.com
Online Career Centre:
http://www.occ.com/occ/OnCampus.html
E-Span: http://www.espan.com/
CACEE WorkWeb:
http://www.cacee.com/workweb

Usenet Groups Dedicated to Jobs

bionet.job	biz.jobs.offered
misc.job.contract	misc.jobs.misc
misc.jobs.offered	misc.jobs.resumes
can.jobs	ont.jobs
tor.jobs	us.jobs.misc
uk.jobs.wanted	

International Opportunities

Have you ever considered working overseas? There are many opportunities abroad for students who are interested in work/study/travel and a unique experience as well as an enhanced global perspective.

Looking for an overseas placement can be similar to the job search at home. The same preparation and attention to detail are required. There are several books on reserve in the Career Centre's Resource Library that will be helpful during the job search process. The *Canadian Guide to Working & Living Overseas* is the first Canadian job search guide for international positions. It gives many insightful tips to international job searchers.

Before deciding to seek work abroad you should weigh the possible benefits with the costs, think about your expectations and determine whether you have the finances to go overseas. Other things to think about are work visas, citizenship requirements and arrangements for accommodation. Remember, careful research is necessary to identify the program most relevant for you.

Engineers are amongst the most likely occupational group to be involved in work with an international dimension. The following list is a good start for engineering students seeking employment abroad:

IAESTE

(International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience) is the only worldwide internship organization operating in dozens of countries. Positions pay enough to cover living expenses. Airfare is the participant's responsibility. Your chances of obtaining placement depend upon your field of study, previous work experience and knowledge of the language of the country in which you will be working in. You can improve your odds of being placed by 100% by opening up an internship in Canada for an incoming IAESTE intern. The application fee is $170 ($120 is refundable if the applicant is unsuccessful in being placed). The deadline for applications is December 7, 1995 although early registration is recommended. Also, if you find your own overseas internship, IAESTE can procure a work permit (usually the main reason why employers will not offer positions to foreigners is the lack of a work permit). For applications, visit the Career Centre's Summer Desk or contact IAESTE at: IAESTE, P.O. Box 1473, Kingston, ON K7L 5C7, Phone: (613)549-2243.

NAMBU FOUNDATION

All expenses paid summer internships. Advanced undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. Japanese language proficiency is strongly desired, but not an absolute prerequisite. Information and applications are available from the Nambu Foundation at: 712 Fifth Avenue, 44th Floor, New York, NY U.S.A. 10019, Phone: (212)581-4055.

CO-OP JAPAN PROGRAM

The Co-op Japan program offers upper-year Engineering students the opportunity to travel to Japan for work terms ranging from 7 - 15 months. Applicants are required to have at least a 75% average, 8 months related work experience, 1 credit course in Japanese and participation in the Co-op Japan Program Immersion Japanese Language and Culture Program. You must also be at least 19 years of age, have English language competency and secure an appropriate visa for Japan. Visit the P.E.Y. Office for details.

SWAP

The Student Work Abroad Program allows students to go abroad and work in short term office jobs, retail stores, bars, restaurants and other service industries. The application fee for the program varies with country and is refundable if you are not accepted. This pays for your visa and for two days accommodation and orientation when you arrive. Students are responsible for finding their own job once they are in the host country. It is emphasized that wages are minimal. For more information about deadlines and applications forms contact Travel Cuts at 187 College Street, Phone: (416)979-2406.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CENTRE

More help is available for U of T students who have questions on work/study/travel abroad through the Interchange Office, International Students Centre, 33 St. George Street (across the street from the Koffler Centre's St. George exit). First time users must attend an orientation session. In addition to a library, the office has the "Sojourns" database which contains information on many programs.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of
THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ENGINEERING SOCIETY

We have audited the balance sheet of **The University of Toronto Engineering Society** as at May 31, 1995 and the statements of surplus, revenue and expenses and changes in financial position for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

The organization derives certain revenues from specific functions, the completeness of which was not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to amounts recorded in the records of the organization and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of revenue over expense, assets and surplus.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the revenues referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at May 31, 1995 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

McLaren Sanders & Daurio
Chartered Accountants

Toronto, Ontario
August 3, 1995

BALANCE SHEET

As at May 31, 1995

ASSETS

	1995			1994		
	Society $	Store $	Total $	Society $	Store $	Total $
Current Assets						
Cash and term deposits	31,116	3,071	34,187	12,390	1,759	14,149
Accounts receivable	14,867	-	14,867	12,594	18	12,612
Inventory	-	13,483	13,483	-	16,356	16,356
Prepaid expenses	1,424	187	1,611	3,210	187	3,397
	47,407	16,741	64,148	28,923	18,320	47,243
Funds Held in Trust - (Note 2)	11,411	-	11,411	13,367	-	13,367
Capital Assets						
Office furniture and equipment - net (accumulated amortization 1995 - $25,707; 1994 - $39,137)	18,845	811	19,656	20,189	1,113	21,302
	77,663	17,552	95,215	62,479	19,433	101,912
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS						
Current Liabilities						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	13,200	93	13,293	11,564	-	11,564
Graduation Ball - (Note 3)	9,918	-	9,918	10,936	-	10,936
Liability for Funds Held in Trust	11,411	-	11,411	13,367	-	13,367
Accumulated Surplus	43,134	17,459	60,593	26,612	19,533	46,145
	77,663	17,552	95,215	62,479	19,533	101,912

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS

For the year ended May 31, 1995

	1995 $	1994 $
Balance - June 1	66,765	59,746
Net Unite (Over) Expenditure for the Year	(6,172)	7,019
Balance - May 31	60,593	66,765

See accompanying notes

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

For the year ended May 31, 1995

	1995 $	1994 $
Revenue		
Fees - (Note 4)	162,315	159,198
Miscellaneous income	4,508	2,353
Locker income	5,998	5,239
Alumni funding	28,000	28,000
Game machine	-	2,817
	200,823	197,677
Net Loss from Store Operations	(1,074)	(2,531)
	199,749	195,146
Expenses - per Schedules		
General	63,612	78,815
Committee costs	141,309	124,710
	204,921	187,537
Net Unite (Over) Expenditure for the Year	(5,172)	7,019

See accompanying notes

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

	1995 $	1994 $
Funds Provided (Used)		
Operating Activities		
Net under (over) expenditure for the year	(6,172)	7,019
Add Non-Cash Items		
Amortization	3,455	3,156
Loss on disposal of assets	3,766	-
	3,049	10,175
Changes in Operating Working Capital		
Accounts receivable	12,255	(1,982)
Inventory	3,073	3,984
Prepaid expenses	2,296	128
Accounts payable	1,729	1,351
	9,293	17,140
Investing Activities		
Purchase of capital assets	(10,255)	(3,293)
Decrease in Graduation Ball liability	(118)	(705)
	(8,373)	(4,086)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Term Deposits During the Year	(81)	13,054
Cash and Term Deposits - June 1	34,268	20,814
Cash and Term Deposits - May 31	34,187	34,268

See accompanying notes

To the Members of
THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ENGINEERING SOCIETY

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of **The University of Toronto Engineering Society** for the year ended May 31, 1995, we have reviewed the additional information presented in the following schedules. This information has been taken primarily from accounting and other records of the Society and is not, in our opinion, necessary for a fair presentation of the Society's financial position or the results of its operations.

Our audit of the financial statements of **The University of Toronto Engineering Society** for the year ended May 31, 1995 was intended primarily for the purpose of formulating an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole and was not such as to enable us to express an opinion as to the fairness of all the details of the information in the following schedules included in this report.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

May 31, 1995

NOTE 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

Cash and Term Deposits

Cash does not include amount held on deposit for committee activities and affiliated clubs. These deposits are charged to committee expenses at the time the monies are advanced by the Society.

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost (as determined on a first-in first-out basis) and net realizable value.

Capital Assets

Office furniture and equipment is recorded at cost with amortization provided on a declining balance basis at 20% per year.

NOTE 2 Funds Held in Trust

Funds held in trust represent monies advanced to the Society which do not belong to it and are being held in trust until disbursed.

NOTE 3 Graduation Ball

Each year a portion of the orientation fees is appropriated for the graduation ball. As at May 31, 1995 the amounts appropriated are set out as follows:

1996	$3,504
1997	3,279
1998	3,135
	$9,918

NOTE 4 Fee Revenue

Student fee revenue is reflected in the financial statements net of levy fund contributions paid as follows:

	1995	1994
Gross Fees	$424,525	$426,308
Less: Levy Fund Contribution	(262,210)	(267,110)
Net Fees	$162,315	$159,198

STATEMENT OF STORE OPERATIONS

For the year ended May 31, 1995

	1995 $	%	1994 $	%
Sales	18,755	100.0	26,111	100.0
Cost of Sales				
Inventory - beginning of the year	16,556		20,540	
Purchases	15,119		18,365	
	31,675		38,905	
Inventory - end of the year	13,483		16,356	
	18,191		22,549	
Gross Profit	564	3.0	3,562	13.5
Expenses				
Store salaries and employee benefits	2,164		1,492	
Repairs and maintenance	125		219	
Office and general	76		119	
Amortization - office equipment	302		243	
	2,667	14.2	2,073	15.7
Net Loss from Operations for the Year	(2,103)		(1,511)	

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL EXPENSES

For the year ended May 31, 1995

	1995 $	1994 $
Amortization - office furniture and equipment	3,453	3,156
Executive and Council	3,269	2,364
Gifts, donations and awards	691	175
Insurance	720	2,254
Interest and bank charges	(1,445)	497
Professional fees	1,075	1,417
Office wages and employee benefits	38,763	39,637
Postage	454	291
Printing and stationery	5,574	6,732
Repairs and maintenance	3,241	3,992
Telephone	1,361	1,450
Loss on disposal of assets	3,766	-
Miscellaneous	1,510	1,547
	63,612	78,815

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE COSTS

For the year ended May 31, 1995

	1995 $	1994 $
Communications		
Handbook	1,313	(260)
Yearbook	(4,955)	(7,304)
Toike Oike	2,302	3,645
Darkroom	155	108
Publications - other costs	3,021	116
The Cannon	1,875	-
	3,671	705
Social		
Cannon Ball	3,347	2,374
Oktoberfest	11,966	1,319
General	1,838	1,537
	3,339	4,181
Affiliates		
Professional experience	183	293
Club grants	5,501	5,501
Debating Union	507	573
	9,191	9,366
Blue and Gold		
Cannon Guard	739	110
LGMB	1,159	526
Blue and Gold general	208	1,126
Godiva week	136	782
Homecoming	1,237	1,114
	3,769	3,676
Fourth Year		
Fourth year general	162	93
Graduation Ball	3,499	4,449
Kipling Ritual	6,618	5,760
	10,383	10,302
Professional Development		
General	511	69
Engineering congress - CCES	6,251	3,078
PEO	-	501
OESP/WISE	598	592
ESSCO	731	103
	8,293	5,383
General		
Employment committee	$4,006	$9,310
Orientation (net)	5,874	1,439
Pub - SUDS (net)	2,348	3,885
Women in Engineering	218	702
First year	1,866	3,090
Skule Nite	1,640	3,249
Special projects	16,761	-
OEC/CEC	51	68
High school liaison	-	-
	109,875	92,716
Total	141,309	124,710

FINANCIAL $TATEMENT$

MONEY MATTER$

As required by the Constitution of the University of Toronto Engineering Society, we are pleased to publish the Financial Statements for the year ended May 31st, 1995. In addition, we present the proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year ending May 31st, 1996. Approval of both these items will take place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday October 30th, 1995 at 6pm in MC 102.

Engineering Society Accounts - BUDGET 1995- 96

Acct #	Account name	Budget 94/95rev	Year to date May 31st, 95	BUDGET 95/96 95-96
	Registered Students	2643	2822	2800
	REVENUE			
B05	Fees	$183,854.96	$162,325.07	$174,200.00
B10	Interest on Invest	$500.00	$0.00	$500.00
B15	Locker rentals	$5,500.00	$5,989.80	$5,500.00
B20	Miscellaneous income	$3,164.40	$4,507.68	$2,000.00
B25	Alumni donations	$28,000.00	$28,000.00	$28,000.00
B30	Video income	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
	TOTAL	$200,838.96	$200,822.25	$210,200.00
	GENERAL			
C05	Gifts & Awards	$500.00	$500.00	$500.00
C10	Donations	$43.00	$100.00	$200.00
C15	Miscellaneous	$1,500.00	$1,588.75	$1,500.00
C20/5	Office Salaries	$30,000.00	$30,762.83	$32,000.00
C30	Council & Exec Exp	$2,900.00	$3,269.33	$3,000.00
C35	Printing & supplies	$7,200.00	$8,575.10	$8,000.00
C40	Telephone	$1,600.00	$1,301.21	$1,000.00
C45	Postage	$500.00	$454.28	$500.00
C50	Bank charges	$700.00	($444.57)	$600.00
C55	Audit & legal fees	$4,000.00	$4,075.00	$4,000.00
C60	Depreciation	$5,000.00	$5,852.73	$5,500.00
C61	Loss on disposal of assets	$0.00	$3,766.00	$0.00
C65	Repair & Upkeep	$3,000.00	$3,340.79	$3,500.00
C70	Insurance	$2,400.00	$739.00	$3,000.00
C75	Bad debt expense	$500.00	$0.00	$500.00
C80	Computer expense	$2,400.00	$312.78	$3,000.00
C90	Elections	$0.00	$159.98	$0.00
C100	Revenue copier	$0.00	($544.77)	$0.00
	Subtotal	$63,243.00	$63,809.02	$67,000.00
	COMMUNICATIONS			
D05a/b/c	Frosh handbook	$0.00	$2,320.80	$0.00
O10a/b/c	Yearbook	$0.00	($4,955.18)	$0.00
D15	Calender	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
D20	Darkroom	$650.00	$157.45	$1,200.00
D25a/b/c	Toike Oike	$2,500.00	$3,302.34	$2,500.00
C30a/b/c	Cannon	$1,500.00	$2,825.13	$1,500.00
O35	Ganaraska	$500.00	$2,021.37	$500.00
	Subtotal	$5,150.00	$5,671.93	$5,700.00
	PROF DEVELOPMENT			
E05	Ganaraska	$200.00	$011.43	$500.00
E10	CCES	$0,200.00	$0,251.26	$5,500.00
E15	PEO	$800.00	$0.00	$800.00
E20	RESSA	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
E25	ESSCO	$700.00	$730.83	$700.00
E30	OESP/WISE/EPDG	$800.00	$890.53	$1,000.00
E50	ESSCO Operating	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
	Subtotal	$8,700.00	$8,263.85	$9,500.00
	SOCIAL			
F05	General	$350.00	$183.86	$500.00
F10	Cannonball	$3,000.00	$3,387.10	$3,000.00
F15	Road trips	$500.00	$1,654.59	$500.00
F20	Oktoberfast	$0.00	(51,866.30)	$0.00
	Subtotal	$3,850.00	$3,339.25	$4,000.00
	AFFILIATES			
G05	EAA	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
G10	Club grants	$8,500.00	$6,800.00	$8,500.00
G15	Club aid	$0.00	$0.00	$900.00
G20	PEY Club	$500.00	$182.96	$1,500.00
G25	Debating Union	$500.00	$507.96	$500.00
	Subtotal	$9,500.00	$9,190.52	$11,400.00
	BLUE & GOLD			
H05	LGMB	$1,250.00	$1,189.28	$1,000.00
H10	General	$350.00	$466.42	$500.00
H15	Cannon Guard	$900.00	$739.30	$500.00
H30	Homecoming	$1,200.00	$1,236.98	$1,000.00
H35	Godiva Week	$200.00	$135.85	$1,500.00
	Subtotal	$3,900.00	$3,769.81	$4,500.00
	FOURTH YEAR			
J05	General	$200.00	$0.00	$200.00
J10	Grad ball	$6,000.00	$3,409.00	$7,000.00
J15	Kipling Ritual	$5,500.00	$6,810.00	$5,500.00
J20	Awards	$400.00	$162.24	$400.00
	Subtotal	$12,100.00	$10,181.64	$13,100.00
	GENERAL COMMITTEES			
K05e	Eng Employment Liaison	$84,576.00	$83,904.00	$63,200.00
K05	Employment	$200.00	$101.88	$500.00
K15	High School Liaison	$100.00	$20.50	$600.00
K20	Women's Issues	$300.00	$218.32	$500.00
K25	First Year	$500.00	$577.72	$500.00
K30	Orientation Expense	$2,000.00	$43,429.85	$2,000.00
K31	Orientation revenue	$0.00	(537,586.09)	$0.00
K35	Skule/TM Nite	$3,000.00	$4,866.25	$3,000.00
K45	OEC	$500.00	($678.00)	$1,000.00
K50/1	Pubs	$0.00	50.00	50.00
K55/6	SUDS	$1,000.00	$4,347.52	$2,000.00
K60/1	Special Projects	$2,200.00	$1,639.89	$2,000.00
K70	Science Outreach	50.00	$0.00	$100.00
	Subtotal	$94,376.00	$100,873.78	595,400.00
	TOTAL- Committees	$137,578.00	$141,310.78	$142,000.00
	TOTAL- General	$63,250.00	$63,609.02	$67,000.00
	GRAND TOTAL	$200,828.00	$204,919.00	$210,200.00
	GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	$200,838.96	$200,822.25	$210,200.00
	Excess of Revenue over Exp	$12.96	($4,097.55)	$0.00

September 30th, 1995

MISCELLANY

in direct response to a comment in Rantrostrum, Cannon Poll Presents:

Should professors get teaching qualifications?

Answer "YES" or "NO" on a piece of paper. If you are a student please indicate status (undergraduate student, graduate student, professor, administrative staff, member of the public, et al.) or else your vote will not count. Please place the ballot in our mailbox or hand it to one of our staff members.

YOUR NAME IS NOT REQUIRED ON THE BALLOT!!!

When casting your ballot, you might want to consider:

Do professors generally do a good job of teaching?
Are tests, quizzes, and exams fair? Do they test your knowledge?
Should professors who have no interest in teaching be forced to teach?
Do you find their classroom attitude abets or harms the learning environment?
Would formal teaching qualifications improve professors' teaching?
Should lecturers need a minimum qualification in English (as students do)?
Who would qualify the professors to teach?
How would the teaching be evaluated? Should students' ratings be binding?
Should teaching assistants also be qualified to speak English or teach?
Do professors have their teaching as a high or low priority?

Don't forget that comments on any or all of the above or any other relevant issue are welcomed.

For results from September's Cannon Poll, see page 5.

The X Files

TANYA LINDSAY, CHEM 9T6 + P, VP-X

THERMO LABS STINK! THERMO LABS STINK! THERMO LABS STINK!... oh...sorry...I just had to get that off my chest. You see, I'm in 3rd year Chem, and all I do these days is thermo labs. OK, almost. I also happen to spend some of my time doing the things your VP External is supposed to do: reading, responding, and reacting to e-mail sent from engineering students from all over the country; helping out with the four "external " committees of Eng. Soc.: Professional Development, Employment, Communications, and High Skule™ Liaison; and, sending delegates to conferences.

Conferences are our most effective learning tool on issues that affects us all as students and professionals-to-be. They are on-going throughout the year, including the summer. Here's a brief update:

☑ **ESSCO AGM. Carleton University, Ottawa. July 14-16, 1995.**
ESSCO stands for Engineering Student Societies Council of Ontario, and it is the provincial body that unites all engineering societies in Ontario. ESSCO is our major link to the PEO, and is responsible for running the Ontario Engineering Competition (OEC). Four U of T delegates attended the conference which focused on re-defining ESSCO's role for the purpose of providing better communication links between students and the engineering profession.

☑ **Canadian Coalition for Women in Engineering Science and Technology. University of New Brunswick. May 1995.**
This conference was a follow-up to the 1993 "More Than Just Numbers" report. One delegate from U of T attended.

☑ **PEO Conference. Lakehead University, Thunder Bay. October 4-6, 1995.**
As this paper is being printed, two representatives of Skule™ are discussing the new guidelines for P. Eng. accreditation.

Upcoming:

- October: National Association of Engineering Student Councils, University of Texas.
- November: Professional Development Conference, Queen's University.
- December: Canadian Congress of Engineering Students, University of Waterloo.
- January: Cirque '96, Queen's University.

... and more

Reports on all conference are available in Eng. Soc.

If you are interested in being a U of T delegate, look out for announcements from your class reps on the availability of application forms. If you have any comments, questions, or concems please drop me a note in the VP External's mail box in Eng. Soc... or just look for me in WB 202. I'll be there working on my THERMO LAB (gag).

Before I go, I'll leave you with some trivial questions:

1. How many accredited engineering schools are there in Canada?
2. Which of these have the largest and smallest undergraduate enrollment?
3. What is my deepest, darkest secret?

... find out in the next CANNON!

RANTROSTRUM

No one's signing up for the Toike

I want a fan in Eng. Com. Also a KEY!!...AND A STEREO

What the heil are profs from CHEM doing screwing around in China? Where have they been living since 1989?

The NY common room consistently smells like Taco Bell.

I want a fan in Eng. Com. Actually a side unit Air Conditioner is better.

Why do so many of my profs suck? Not all of them--I can think of two, maybe three that don't--But the vast majority suck. I think it has something to do with them being hired for their research abilities. Maybe it's just me, but aren't they supposed to TEACH us? I say "Fuck the profs--We want lecturers, who are hired for their teaching abilities".
[we're listening; see this month's Cannon Poll on this page--Ed.]

What the heck is up with my s'l'ds prof? I am sure that he speaks English because I understand every word he offers. Yet, I have no fling idea what the heil he is saying. Also, all the profs this year have forgotten the greek alphabet. This s'l'ds guy doesn't even know how to write a lower case sigma. it looks like theta!

Why do engineers who submit stuff to the Rantrostrum have poor spelling and no ability to properly use punctuation? This sort of stuff shouldn't need editing!!

PLEASE READ THIS BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT!

* Those students not officially registered will be deleted from the system on Oct. 11 (today) at 4 p.m. Tough Beans Man!
* Any changes to your citizenship, SIN, legal name or fees status must be brought to the attention of the Office of the Registrar with appropriate documentation. For fees, do it before Nov. 1 OR ELSE!
* Replacement photo IDs available in GB157 Tue 10-12 and Thu 2-4. You'll need some other kind of ID plus $6...get these BEFORE exams!

Chem Club News!!

- Hallowe'en Smoker, Tues. Oct. 31, 4:00 p.m. in WB 238.
  Cheap beer (of course!)!
- Chem Club Dinner/Dance. Nov 24, Primrose Hotel (Carlton and Jarvis).
  Price ~$25
- Chem Hockey Tournament.
  Sometime in February (Now that's planning ahead!)
- 50 cents for Pop in the Chem Common Room (WB238)!!!!
  Nestea, Coke, Crush, Bud

This message brought to you by Mike Paszti.